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Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.)  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Nat'l Policy Machinery

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SECRETARIES HERTER AND GATES WILL TESTIFY BEFORE  
SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL POLICY MACHINERY

Senator Henry M. Jackson, chairman of the Subcommittee on National Policy Machinery, announced today that Secretary of State Christian A. Herter will testify in open session before the Subcommittee next Friday, June 10.

Secretary Herter will be followed by Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates, Jr., who is scheduled to appear before the Subcommittee in open session on Monday, June 13.

"The Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense," Jackson said, "are the President's most important advisers in the field of national security. Our Subcommittee is now seeking their counsel on these three questions: Is our government now effectively organized to identify and plan ahead on the critical issues of national survival? Are we now adequately organized for effective coordination of policies? Where is there room for constructive reform?"


The hearings will commence at 10:00 a. m. in Room 3302, New Senate Office Building.

The current series of Subcommittee hearings is focused on the National Security Council and the problems of coordination between departments and agencies in the national security field. Earlier, the Subcommittee heard testimony from former Ambassadors George F. Kennan and W. Averell Harriman. Hearings will continue throughout the remainder of the session.

The Subcommittee on National Policy Machinery was established last year for the purpose of making the first full review of the national security process since the passage of the National Security Act of 1947. Its study is nonpartisan. Serving with Jackson on the Subcommittee are Senators Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), Edmund S. Muskie (D., Me.), Karl E. Mundt (R., S. Dak.), and Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.).

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached for information is a press release from Senator Jackson announcing that Secretary Herter and Secretary Gates will testify before the Subcommittee on National Policy Machinery on 10 June and 13 June, respectively. We will cover these hearings for any discussion of interest to the Agency.

  
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